



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of June 18 thru June 24, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 865 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**VEHICLE FIRE** - On June 18 at 7:21 a.m. on the 300 block of Lawson Avenue East fire companies were dispatched to a report of a garbage truck on fire in the alley. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. The driver was using the hydraulic system when a line blew and the fluid started on fire. He attempted to extinguish with an on board extinguisher. There was minor fire exposure to a nearby vehicle and a garage. Damage to the vehicle was \$10,000 and \$1,000 to the garage.

**ARSON** - On June 19 at 4:56 a.m. on the 1100 block of Agate Street firefighters were called to a fire that was out in the hallway of an apartment building. The resident had smelled burning, saw a small fire and extinguished it with a dry chemical extinguisher. The fire had been intentionally set. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

**LIGHTNING STRIKE** – During a violent thunderstorm on June 19 at 7:36 a.m. in the 1800 block of Marshall Avenue lightning struck the top of a rooming house and caused \$160,000 in damages. The 3<sup>rd</sup> story occupant was awakened the lightning strike and saw an outlet blown out of the wall in the bedroom. He also saw the cord to his AC unit burned in two and saw fire and smoke coming out of the wall. The smoke alarms sounded and he got everyone out and called 9-1-1. There were no injuries but the home was uninhabitable. Red Cross arranged temporary housing.



*Firefighters extinguishing a fire caused by a lightning strike.*

**LIGHTNING STRIKE** - On June 19 at 7:38 a.m. on the 1800 block of Feronia a home was struck by lightning at the chimney which damaged the brick chimney than traveled down the metal chimney and caused arching to the chimney at the boiler. There was smoke but no fire. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

**DROWNING** - A 22 year old man drowned in Lake Phalen on the evening of June 21. The Ramsey County Sheriff's dive team recovered his body. Paramedics then transported him to the medical examiner.

**BIKE FIRE** – On June 21 at 9:26 p.m. on the 1500 block of Rice Street a resident was cleaning his motorized bicycle in the laundry room and had sprayed with cleaner. He then went into his apartment returning a short while later and seeing smoke in the hallway and found his bicycle on fire in the laundry room. He extinguished the fire, and then removed the bike from the building. Damage is estimated at \$700.

- **Flammable liquids should never be used - or even stored - in a residence. There are so many potential ignition sources in a home that a leak or spill of a flammable liquid would be easily ignite with disastrous consequences.**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** - On June 23 at 5:52 p.m. on Maryland Avenue East and Prosperity Avenue a 46 year old man and a 62 year old woman were involved in a motor vehicle accident. Paramedics treated and transported them to a nearby hospital.

**GUN SHOT WOUND** - On June 23 at 8:30 p.m. on the 600 block of Cook Avenue East a 24 year old man and an 18 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported them to a nearby hospital.